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1. KOREA

SK PARLIAMENT PASSES RESOLUTION, APPARENTLY W/ PRES PARK'S
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OK, URGING BROADENED "FORUM OF DIALOGUE" THAT APPEARS
SOFTEN REGIME'S BAN ON POLITICAL DISSENT. MOVE SPURS
SPECULATION THAT MANY JAILED DISSIDENTS MAY BE FREED (WSJ).
RESOLUTION ASKS PRISONERS BE RELEASED TO TAKE PART IN NATL
DEVELOPMENT. PAPERS SPECULATE PRISONERS MAY BE RELEASED
ON 8/15, SK INDEPENDENCE DAY (AP, PHINQ).

SAAR (WP TOKYO) SEES INDICATION PARK MAY BE MOVING TOWARD
RELAXATION STRICT RULE IN NATL ASSY URGING LENIENT TREATMENT
FOR POL PRISONERS/RECOMMENDING CANCELLATION EMERGENCY DECREE

THAT BANS MOST POL DISSENT. NOTES RECOMMENDATION NOT BINDING, BUT PARK CONTROL SUCH THAT MOVE AMOUNTS TO MESSAGE FROM PRES PARK. ADDS ANY EASING PARK'S RIGID RULE WELCOME IN WASHINGTON.

NATL ASSY ALSO UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED W/DRAWAL US TROOPS/ DEMANDED CURBS ON "ANTI-KOREA" ACTIVITY IN US (WSJ). SAAR NOTES NATL ASSY "CORDIALLY" INVITED WASHINGTON TAKE ACTION

VS WHAT CALLED UNFAIR ANTI-SK PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY. ADDS APPARENT TARGETS ARE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED BRIBERY SCANDAL/QUESTION ROKG RESPONSIBILITY KIM DAE JUNG KID-NAPPING.

LAT'S JACKSON (7/6), QUOTING SUZI PARK THOMPSON'S ATTY THAT SHE WILL ASK HOUSE ETHICS CMTE ALLOW HER TESTIFY PUBLICLY SINCE HAS "NOTHING TO HIDE," SAYS THO SUZI DENIES WAS AGENT, LAT LEARNED SHE ACKNOWLEDGED BEING CLOSE FRIEND FORMER AMB TO US DONG JO KIM.

DOD TELLS CONGRESS PLANS SELL SK 6 C-130'S. SALE WILL PROCEED UNLESS CONGRESS VETOES IT W/IN 30 DAYS (WSJ; AP, WP).
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2. CHINA

PRC AIR FORCE SQUADRON LEADER, ON ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM FUKIEN PROVINCE, DEFECTED TO TAIWAN 7/7 IN MIG -19 JET FIGHTER, ACCORDING TO ROC MIL SPOKESMAN. BOTH PILOT/ PLANE SAFE (REUTER TAIPEI).

PRC SAYS US MUST W/DRAW BOTH MIL INSTALLATIONS/TROOPS FROM TAIWAN BEFORE WILL CONSIDER DIP RELS W/US. NCNA REPORTS VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN SPELLED OUT PRC POSITION IN "FRIENDLY TALK" W/ADM ZUMWALT MONDAY (AP TOKYO, SUN).

SOVIET-CHINESE LANGUAGE BROADCAST CRITICIZES PRC FOR "WARM RECRPTION" GIVEN "IMPERIALIST WARMONGER" ZUMWALT. BROADCAST SAID PRECISELY BECAUSE ZUMWALT BELLIGERENT, HE'S APPRECIATED BY PRC LEADERS (UPI HK 7/6). (WSJ ALSO CARRIES BRIEF REPORT ON SOV COMMENT AND NOTES PRC CLARIFIED STATEMENT (TO ZUMWALT) TO INCLUDE DEMAND US BASES BE W/DRAWN FROM TAIWAN AND FORMOSA STRAIT BEFORE NORMALIZATION RELS).

PRC COMMENTARY ON JUST-ENDED AFRICAN SUMMIT WARNS AF LEADERS SOVS THEIR GREATEST THREAT (WSJ).

VP LI HSIEN-NIEN SAYS PRC WON'T RENOUNCE USE OF FORCE IN RESOLVING TAIWAN ISSUE/NO OTHER NATION'S BUSINESS HOW PEKING SETTLES IT. COMMENTS MADE IN LI MEETING WITH

ZUMWALT. CHINA SPECIALISTS IN HK/PEKING VIEW LI REMARKS AS RESPONSE CHINA POLICY STATEMENT LAST WK BY PRES CARTER/SECSTATE VANCE. LI TOLD ADM PRC WANTS NORMAL RELS, BUT WON'T COMPROMISE ON CONDITIONS ALREADY SET FORTH ON TAIWAN ISSUE (UPI HK, LAT 7/6). REUTER ALSO CARRIES HK REPORT W/CHARLES SMITH BY-LINE.

IN CABLE CIRCULATED BY GROC EMBASSIES IN W HEMISPHERE/MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE REPORTERS BY ROC'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY, FORNMIN SHEN CHANG-HUA SAYS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR US STRIVE FOR FRIENDLY RELS W/PEKING. COMMENTS SEEN AS OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO VANCE'S "ASIA SOCIETY" SPEECH. SHEN CABLE STATED SHOULD US CHOOSE RECOGNIZE PEKING BY ABANDONING LONG-STANDING FRIENDLY RELS W/ROC, WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE RTS/INTERESTS OF ROC, JEOPARDIZE SECURITY 16 MIL CHINESE ON TAIWAN, VIOLATE LOFTY IDEALS UPON WHICH US BUILD, THUS ERODE CREDIBILITY OF US AMONG FREE PEOPLES WORLD OVER. ACCORDING SHEN CABLE, POLICY COULD LEAD TO NEW THREATS OF WAR (LAT 7/2).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND FINDS CHINA'S OIL HOPES MAY DRAIN AWAY; CITES NEW CIA STUDY OF PRC OIL PRODUCTION.

JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANIZATION SAYS PRC HARD-HIT BY DROUGHTS/COLD WEATHER SINCE '76, HAS TO IMPORT HUGE AMOUNTS FOOD--MOSTLY WHEAT/SUGAR/SOY BEANS (WP).

3. JAPAN

US OFFICIAL IN TOKYO SAID 7/6 US LIKELY DELAY 1ST SCHEDULED RUN THIS MONTH JAPANESE NUKE REPROCESSING PLANT. MOVE CONTRADICTS RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY FUKUDA, WHO HAS IMPLIED PLANT WILL BEGIN OPNS BY END JULY. US OFFICIAL SAID JAPANESE OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND US POSITION/IMPLIED JAPANESE HINTS OF QUICK SOLUTION AIMED AT GARNERING VOTES IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS (SUN'S SEIDEN, TOKYO; WP).

CSM'S OKA (TOKYO) REPORTS LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN HAS TURNED IN FUKUDA'S FAVOR, W/LDP LIKELY KEEPING MAJORITY SEATS UP FOR RE-ELECTION. IN OTHER MATTERS, OKA SAYS US SEEKING HAVE JAPAN RELIEVE SOME OF 400-MIL-DOL ANNUAL COST UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVED IN PAYING JAPANESE EMPLOYED IN US INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN.

TRAVELING W/FUKUDA ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL, LAT'S JAMESON (NUMAZU 7/6) SAYS LDP PLATFORM BASED ON TRADITIONAL PLANK--

PROMISE OF PROVED STABILITY OVER FEARED CHAOS. PM HAS PREDICTED "SUFFICIENT" VICTORY, BRACING HIMSELF FOR RESULTS THAT MAY GIVE LDP DOMINANCE, BUT NOT MAJORITY. JAPANESE BELIEVE THEY HAVE ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN "CATCHING UP" W/WEST; NOW CONCERNS CENTER ON SEEKING BETTER LIVING STDS.

JAPANESE CENTRAL BANK STEPPED IN 7/6 TO SUPPORT DOLLAR AGAINST YEN ON TOKYO FOREX MART, HELPING REVERSE EARLY DECLINE (UPI, NYT). TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL BEING CREDITED W/SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON JAPAN'S DECISION ALLOW YEN FLOAT UPWARD. IN 7/6 INTERVIEW, SAID YEN'S RISE "LOGICAL OUT-COME," TERMING IT "NATURAL AND PROPER" OCCURRENCE. MITI HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED EXPANSION IMPORT QUOTAS/EASING OTHER IMPORT CURBS/IMPORTATION MORE RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY (FARNSWORTH, NYT).

4. PHILIPPINES

SEN AQUINO COMPLAINED TO MIL COURT 7/6 OF BEING DENIED OPPORTUNITY AIR VIEWS. AQUINO WANTED READ LETTERS WRITTEN OVER LAST MO TO MARCOS/DEF DEPT. MIL JUDGES REFUSED ALLOW READING, BUT ALLOWED LETTERS INTO RECORD. MIL DEFENSE COUNSEL PLANS MOVE FOR FINDING OF NOT GUILTY WHEN HEARINGS RESUME 7/19.

DETROIT JURY DECIDING FATE 2 FIL NURSES ACCUSED OF MURDERING VA HOSPITAL PAIENTS HAS ASKED JUDGE CLARIFY WHAT MURDER IS. QUESTION INDICATED PANEL PUZZLED BY PROSECUTION'S ADMISSION NURSES DIDN'T INTEND KILL ANYONE WHEN THEY ALLEGEDLY GAVE PATIENTS INJECTIONS OF MUSCLE-RELAXING UNCLASSIFIED

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DRUG (AP, CHITRIB).

PHIL'S NATL POWER CORP SIGNS 65-MIL-DOL LOAN AGREEMENT TO FINANCE KALAYAAN PUMPED-STORAGE PLANT S OF MANILA (WSJ).

5. AUSTRALIA

GOA EASES RESTRICTIONS ON INFLOW OVERSEAS MONEY BY RELAXING EMBARGO ON SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS BORROWING/ SUSPENDING REGULATION REQUIRING AUSTRALIANS BORROWING OVERSEAS TO DEPOSIT ON NON-INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT (AP, WSJ).

SCUTTLE EARLIER PLAN, GROUP OF FIRMS INCL ALCOA'S AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATE/REYNOLDS METALS DECIDED NOT JOINTLY BUILD 650-MIL-DOL REFINERY IN W AUSTRALIA; BUT BOTH FIRMS HINTED STILL WANT GO AHEAD W/SEPARATE PLANS ADD REFINING CAPACITY THERE (WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. KOREA

THORPE (CDN SEOUL 7/6) SAYS ASKING AVG SKOREAN "MAN ON THE STREET" ABOUT PROPOSED US W/DRAWAL UNLEASHES "TORRENT" FEARS/OBJECTIONS. DEPENDENT ON GOVT-CONTROLLED MEDIA, AVG KOREAN HAS LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT INCREASING IMMINENCE ANOTHER NK ATTACK. IN MORE SOPHISTICATED CIRCLES, HOWEVER, MOOD OVER W/DRAWAL "ONE OF GENERAL ACCEPTANCE." MOST OBSERVERS ALSO SEE SK TAKING MOVE IN STRIDE/SEEKING FILL VACUUM OF PUBLIC SELF-CONFIDENCE. FON INVESTORS EXPRESS NO CONFIDENCE LOSS/NO EXODUS FON CAPITAL OCCURRING. STATES OVERALL, SEEMS BE "GENERAL TRUST" IN US ASSURANCES THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE NOT UPSET BALANCE ON KOREAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PENINSULA.

NJ RESIDENT ANTHONY KAHNG WRITES NYT/COUNTERS PROF NAHM'S 6/22 LETTER ON KOREA, WHICH SUPPORTED SINGLAUB'S POSITION. SAYS VN LESSONS "COMPEL US" OVERHAUL KOREA POLICY. SAYS ONLY WAY REPUDIATE ALLEGATION ROKG IS US "PUPPET" IS TO MAKE SK INDEPENDENT--WHICH IS REAL MEANING OF TROOP W/DRAWAL. ADDS IF ALL PAST AID HASN'T PRODUCED VIABLE STATE IN SK, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE 10-20 MORE YRS MIL PRESENCE/AID WILL MAKE DIFFERENCE?

7. INDOCHINA

THIMMESCH (CHITRIB) FINDS REMARKABLE THAT ADMIN HUMAN RTS ACTIVISTS FAIL CONDEMN KR SLAUGHTER IN CAMBODIA. CALLS "MURDER OF A GENTLE LAND" BY BARRON/PAUL EXCELLENT ACCOUNT OF COMMUNIST GENOCIDE. SAYS IF IT WANTS MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY ON HUMAN RTS, CARTER ADMIN MUST QUICKLY/PUBLICLY CONDEMN RK REGIME. ADDS CAMBODIA DOESN'T DESERVE REMOTEST CONSIDERATION. THINKS ANTI-WAR COLUMNIST LIKE MCGRORY SHOULD BREAK SILENCE/WRITE OF BLOODY RK REGIME.

8. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

CHITRIB PLEASED THAT DOS ASKING WH ADMIT 15,000 STRANDED REFUGEES. UNDERSTANDS OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS, BUT ASSERTS WE OWE IT TO SVIETS SINCE UNDERTOOK SUPPORT THEM VS COMMUNISM AND FAILED--THEN FAILED HELP THEM FLEE. ADVOCATES WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HELP REFUGEES WHO REALLY DESIRE DEMOCRACY/FREEDOM COME TO US.

CSM BELIEVES INDIFFERENCE/HOSTILITY TOWARD REFUGEES BY ASIAN GOVTS SHOULD SHOCK PUBLIC CONSCIENCE. OPINES US BEARS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLEVIATING REFUGEES' PLIGHT; IS GLAD LEARN DOS RECOMMENDING EMERGENCY ADMISSION

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15,000 MORE. HOPES BUREAUCRATIC/FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
GIVE WAY TO SENSE DECENCY/CARING, ESP WHEN US HOLDING HI
BANNER OF HUMAN RTS. ALSO HOPES US ALLIES/FRIENDS CAN
SHOW COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO PREFER RISK FLIGHT THAN LIVE
UNDER COMMUNIST REGIME.

9. TRADE POLICY

LIPSKY (WSJ), AT SINGAPORE, NOTES INTL COMMODITIES TRADERS
NERVOUS RE POSSIBLE US CURBS ON PALM-OIL IMPORTS, DESPITE
ASSURANCES BY USDA'S BERGLAND. SAYS MALAYSIA/INDONESIA/
SINGAPORE HAVE BIG STAKE IN US MKT. VANCE

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